

As to the new boxes, I  
hoped Dr. Hooker might  
have the luck to keep  
them all a while longer.  
- unless they come, in  
a box distinguished  
from. So it seems they  
have - and sure no  
one has a better right  
to make things, and to  
the advantages they may  
bring.

Sent by Postman. or  
sent by Dr. Hooker the  
things for us -  
much obliged to you,  
Ever yours cordially

Asa Gray

Refer to the paper concerning trip  
after Hooker's 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

My Dear Prof. Oliver.

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This morning I have  
Sir Joseph's letters,  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> -

If - as may be supposed -  
he comes via N.Y. on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> instead of to Boston  
on the 28<sup>th</sup>. This may  
reach him. It is possible  
it may, in any case -  
I venture the following  
messages.

We wanted to telegraph  
that, in Mrs. Gray's  
judgment (and she is  
a very capable judge)  
it would be the very best  
thing for Mrs. Hooker  
- I mean Lady Hooker -  
to come. She could in  
any case hear more than

Mrs. Gray - and she looks  
upon the whole as for  
the ladies - an easy &  
delightful summer  
trip. - no hardships  
at all - & little wear-  
iness. It is perfect  
enjoyment, as soon &  
we get 2 or 3 miles W,  
of the Mississippi.

We are grievously dis-  
appointed at her not  
coming, & are pushing  
to her of a change  
of mind.

Just - Paper this time  
I trust that Parker  
is free from all  
worry on our ac-  
count about the  
St. Michaels. All will

be pleased with their  
company. He  
is looking well. - only  
we are grieved at  
the loss of time - &  
we ought to be in  
the field.

If we learn that  
they come here -  
we shall await  
their arrival, and  
be ready to start after  
one day here to ar-  
range.

If they go to New  
York, we will meet  
them there, & start  
directly. Niagara  
will await their return  
from the far west.